

# EPA Recognizes Delaware Among Nation's Leading Green Power Users

Dover – Today, the State of Delaware announced that it appears as No. 56 on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) National Top 100 list of the largest green power users from the Green Power Partnership. Delaware is using nearly 122 million kilowatt-hours (kWh) of green power annually, which represents 40 percent of its total power needs. The State's choice to use green power is helping to advance the green power market and support clean renewable energy alternatives.

"We all have a responsibility to protect our environment and preserve our natural resources for future generations and we're committed to leading that effort right here in Delaware," said Governor Jack Markell. "Our significant and growing use of clean power shows that this energy source is practical and affordable, and also supports job creation and economic growth."

"Our green power use is an important tool in helping the state lead by example and is a sound business decision," said Brian Maxwell, Director of the Office of Management and Budget. "We are proud to be recognized by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for helping to lead the way toward a sustainable future."

"Increasing the percentage of energy from renewable sources reduces the State's carbon footprint and builds upon Governor Markell's commitment to Delaware's environmental stewardship," said David Small, Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control.

According to the U.S. EPA, The State of Delaware's green power use of nearly 122 million kWh is equivalent to the electricity

use of more than 11,000 average American homes annually.

As defined by EPA, Green power is zero-emissions electricity that is generated from environmentally preferable renewable resources, such as wind, solar, geothermal, biogas, eligible biomass, and low-impact hydro. Using green power helps build demand for the development of new renewable energy capacity nationwide and helps users reduce their carbon footprints.

As a result of Governor Markell's Executive Order 18, Delaware has steadily increased the amount of green power used at state facilities. Through an innovative partnership to aggregate the purchase of state agency electricity with other public entities such as local governments, schools and higher education, the state increased the amount of green power purchased to 40 percent of the total electricity used by state agencies in the Delmarva Power service territory while achieving competitive pricing. This spring the State of Delaware awarded a 3 year electricity supply contract to Talen Energy Marketing, LLC through a competitive bid process facilitated by Affinity Energy Management.

#### About EPA's Green Power Partnership

The Green Power Partnership is a voluntary program that encourages organizations to use green power as a way to reduce the environmental impacts associated with electricity use. The Partnership currently has more than 1,400 Partner organizations voluntarily using billions of kilowatt-hours of green power annually. Partners include a wide variety of leading organizations such as Fortune 500® companies; small and medium sized businesses; local, state, and federal governments; and colleges and universities. For additional information, please visit <http://www.epa.gov/greenpower>.